

and friends. If we produce dreadful entertainment just because we automatically assume they, the viewers, will like it, eventually the viewers will turn on us, challenge our cynicism and demand not just the V-chip but the C-chip—C for censorship.

The greatest threat to all our hard won freedoms, whether freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press or the right to petition is cynicism. I accept this award on behalf of my colleagues, my collaborators and my comrades, especially those of you I know in this room who are anything but cynical. If all of you are to be custodians of the new world cultural order, then you have a clear duty to try to protect and cherish its citizens.●

COMMON SENSE, R.I.P.

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, Jeff Lyon had a brief observation under the title "Common Sense, R.I.P." in the Chicago Tribune magazine, which I ask to be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD after my remarks.

It comments on the death of 7-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff, but its real commentary is on our society and what we have permitted.

It is worth reading and reflecting upon.

The article follows:

COMMON SENSE, R.I.P.

(By Jeff Lyon)

Despite what legions of editorial writers have said, the real message in the death of 7-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is not that we're pushing our kids too hard, which, it goes without saying, we are.

It's that everywhere you look, the perishable human commodity known as common sense has died.

Of course, it's absurd that the FAA lets tots fly planes. But it's equally crazy that we can't get a ban to stick on guns that can kill a dozen people in a microsecond. Or that the government is allowed to spend more than it takes in for years, even though any imbecile know what happens when you charge up too much merchandise on your credit cards.

An entire generation celebrates sexual promiscuity, then is surprised when the harvest is AIDS, herpes, illegitimacy and marital erosion. An industry that makes billions selling a lethal, highly addictive drug like tobacco claims the stuff is harmless in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary and is allowed to get away with it.

We pile people into public housing, take the dignity of work away from them and are astonished when the result is a permanent underclass. We put our schools on short rations, then are shocked that our kids think like Beavis and Butthead. We let the rank-est, foulest programming spew out over the airwaves and wonder why there is moral decay.

There was a time when people recognized that certain behaviors had consequences. It was a lesson that sank in the first time you got sick after Mom warned against eating too many potato chips.

But that kind of wisdom has become another casualty of modern life. Maybe moms and dads aren't dispensing it anymore. Maybe moms and dads aren't even home anymore.

Whatever the cause, as a society we've forgotten our umbrella and now it's started to rain. Isn't it time we reacquired the sense to go inside?●

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1996

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate reconvenes under the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 60 at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, June 3, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and there then be a period for morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 3:30 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: the first 90 minutes under the control of Senator COVERDELL, or his designee; the second 30 minutes under the control of Senator DASCHLE, or his designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. I further ask unanimous consent that at 3:30 p.m. the Senate resume debate on the motion to proceed to the Defend America Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I recap, for the information of all Senators, that a cloture motion was filed on the motion to proceed to the Defend America Act. That vote occur on Tuesday June 4, at 2:15 p.m., unless we can work out some overall agreement. We would want to add to that—I have discussed this with the Democratic leader—health care reform. That package is in conference. That is something which I very much would like to do that week. I talked to both Senators KASSEBAUM and KENNEDY, and others. Hopefully, we might add to the list three or four things that we might complete action on that week.

If there is not any change, then that rollcall vote will occur after the policy luncheons, I understand, at 2:15.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I do not want to delay the distinguished majority leader, but I would also note that he and I have had the opportunity to discuss the issue of confirmation of judges, and I hope that we could continue to work on that and find some resolution. I know there is a great deal of interest on both sides in trying to figure out a way to break loose the logjam on what I believe are 17 or 18 judges that await some action here. A lot of families and a lot of futures are on the line. I am sure that the sooner we accommodate everyone's interest, the better it is for everybody concerned.

I appreciate the majority leader's interest in trying to resolve that matter as well. We will want to work with him to see that we get that done.

Mr. DOLE. I would say to the Democratic leader that if we cannot arrive at some agreement, I would be prepared to call them up one at a time. If someone wants to vote "no"—and I understand that at least one may take some time, one of the nominees. For others, there may be rollcall votes. But it seems to me that the Democratic leader is correct. We should not be holding people up. If we need a vote, vote them down or vote them up, or whatever, but they ought to be voted on because they probably have plans to make and there are families involved.

So I hope we can reach some accommodation to dispose of those as quickly as possible when we return.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1:30 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1996

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 60.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:47 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 3, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 24, 1996:

PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

MARKOS K. MARINAKIS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

GINGER EHN LEW, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

J. RENE JOSEY, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF 4 YEARS.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. WILLIAM WELSER III, 000-00-0000, REGULAR AIR FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RICHARD B. MYERS, 000-00-0000, U.S. AIR FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JOHN P. JUMPER, 000-00-0000, U.S. AIR FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RALPH E. EBERHART, 000-00-0000, U.S. AIR FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601: